

I am also writing specifically in support of SB117 to help protect trees in public areas in Connecticut. Connecticut trees are being cut down on our public lands in an increased manner, indiscriminately. Currently, we are seeing large trees presented as potential hazards often when an entity is in a position to profit from this tree cutting.

In recent memory an old growth tree lined section along the I-95 corridor in our community was lost forever, truly negatively changing the landscape and the quality of life for residents. These trees connect generations of people, host threatened pollinators, mitigate

localized warming and heat island effects, and are important to our day to day well being.

SB117 will help address this need. Thank you again for supporting this bill.

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